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SUBJECT: SOVIET DEMARCHE ON CYPRUS

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES POSTS' VIEWS CONCERNING SOVIET DEMARCHE ON CYPRUS. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFS A AND B WE HAD PREPARED GUIDELINES FOR SECRETARY IN CONNECTION WITH HIS MOSCOW TRIP ALONG LINES RECOMMENDED BY EMBASSIES ANKARA AND NICOSIA. AS IS CLEAR FROM STATE 54993 ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIES MADE POLITE, NON-COMMITTAL RESPONSE TO SOVIET DEMARCHE DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN CLEAR SECRET

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DISTANCE BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE SOVIETS ON CYPRUS WHILE

KEEPING THE COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS OPEN. THIS IS THE STANCE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO MAINTAIN PENDING OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS ON CYPRUS, IF ANY, IN MOSCOW.

2. GIVEN THE PRESENT DELICATE AND UNCERTAIN SITUATION DEPARTMENT WISHES TO DOWN-PLAY SOVIET INITIATIVE. ACCORDINGLY, POSTS SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT INFORM INTER-LOCUTORS OF SOVIET DEMARCHE. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE ONLY OURSELVES AND SOVIETS KNOW OF THEIR DEMARCHE TO US. SOVIET INITIATIVE COULD, OF COURSE, LEAK (OR BE LEAKED BY SOVIETS). IF HOST GOVERNMENTS HEAR OF DEMARCHE AND ASK FOR DETAILS, REQUEST YOU REFER TO DEPARTMENT FOR GUIDANCE.

3. FOR NICOSIA: IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE DEGREE OF MAINLAND GREEK INTERVENTION IN EOKA-B AND THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE THREAT POSED TO THE GOC. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR CHARGE TO SEEK PRESIDENT MAKARIOS' PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION CONFUSED BY RUMORS AND EXAGGERATIONS. RUSH

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